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Sir:

The present application is a U.S. national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith are a completed form PTO-1449 and copies of the references identified therein.

It is respectfully requested that the information

cited in the annexed form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application, and that such references be made of record in this application.

The information identified in the annexed form PTO-1449 was cited in the International Search Report for the above-identified International Application corresponding to the present application. Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby certify that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) for any non-English language reference(s) cited in the International Search Report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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